

April 28, 2005 - Branchville Correctional Facility Recommended for Sixth National Accreditation

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The Indiana Department of Correction announced today that the Branchville Correctional Facility has been recommended for a sixth accreditation through the American Correctional Association (ACA). The accreditation audit resulted in the facility earning the highest consecutive scores in its history.

The [Branchville Correctional Facility](#) passed 100 percent of all the mandatory ACA standards and 97 percent of all non-mandatory standards. In order to pass the ACA audit, a correctional facility must comply with 100 percent of 63 mandatory standards and 90 percent of 471 non-mandatory standards. ACA's standards reflect the current national policies and procedures with regard to the care, custody, and control of adult offenders.

"Being recommended for re-accreditation for six consecutive years is a testament to the professionalism of the facility leadership, its employees and the facility," said Superintendent Rich Clark. "We become better when we expose ourselves to examination by our peers."

Commissioner J. David Donahue said, "It is our vision to be a model correctional agency and a proven innovative leader in a manner consistent with sound correctional principles. The recommendation for reaccreditation for the Branchville facility confirms Indiana's national leadership role in corrections. Superintendent Rich Clark and staff are to be commended for their efforts."

Steve Coultas, Facility Accreditation Manager for ACA noted that the Audit Committee was particularly

impressed with the professionalism and correctional knowledge of the Department Heads and line staff, the cleanliness and overall sanitation methods of the facility and enforcement of basic custody tenants.

“The recommendation for accreditation this Summer does not signal the end of our involvement in the process. The facility will continue to work to improve any opportunities identified during the audit and maintain continuous compliance with the standards,” added Superintendent Clark.

The sixth recommendation for accreditation by the Audit Committee for Branchville Correctional Facility will rank it as the longest consecutively accredited facility using the ACA standards for adult correctional institutions in the State of Indiana’s history.

Branchville Correctional Facility opened in early 1982 and is classified as a medium custody facility located in Tell City, Indiana.

About American Correctional Association

The Standards and Accreditation Department of the [American Correctional Association \(ACA\)](#) serves a dual mission of providing services for ACA and the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections (CAC). These services include the development and promulgation of new standards, revision of existing standards, coordination of the accreditation process for all correctional components of the criminal justice system, semi-annual accreditation hearings, technical assistance to correctional agencies, and training for consultants who are involved in the accreditation process.

About the Indiana Department of Correction

The Department employs over 9,000 employees and houses over 23,000 adult offenders and more than 1,000 juveniles, in 33 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department’s home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>.